

## HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 145

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A RESOLUTION to honor and commend William Scott Edwards upon being named the Bartlett Knights of Columbus Firefighter of the Year for 2012.

WHEREAS, our nation was conceived by individuals who were willing to sacrifice their personal concerns to ensure the public safety and welfare, and it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should salute those citizens who have performed above and beyond the call of duty in service of public safety; and

WHEREAS, one such noteworthy person is Driver/Firefighter William Scott Edwards, who was recently named the Knights of Columbus Firefighter of the Year; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Edwards first joined the Bartlett Fire Department on December 1, 1997, and since that day has exhibited an unwavering good nature and work ethic, qualities with which he has become synonymous during his years with the fire department. His fellow firefighters praise his dedication to self-improvement, his commitment to serving the needs of the public, and his pleasant demeanor in all aspects of his life as a firefighter; and

WHEREAS, William Edwards was promoted to Apparatus Driver on February 1, 2008, and he currently serves at Station 4 on the A Shift; and

WHEREAS, the Knights of Columbus are now recognizing Driver Edwards's years of service with their annual Firefighter of the Year award; and

WHEREAS, his unique ability to assess situations and approach them with sound judgment makes him most deserving of this distinct honor; and

WHEREAS, he is perhaps proudest of the love and support he shares with his wife, Renee, and his children, Rebecca and Arron; and

WHEREAS, William Edwards epitomizes the spirit and commitment that are characteristic of a true Tennessean, and his professionalism and dedication are evident to all who know him; and

WHEREAS, this General Assembly finds it appropriate to pause in its deliberations to acknowledge and applaud Driver Edwards for his dedication to the State of Tennessee and its citizens; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED EIGHTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and commend Driver/Firefighter William Scott Edwards for his meritorious service to the State of Tennessee, congratulate him upon being named the 2012 Knights of Columbus Firefighter of the Year, and extend to him our best wishes for every future success.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.